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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--PRESIDENT FORD'S EUROPEAN TOUR RECEIVED HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE AND MOSTLY FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT WITH MAJOR PAPERS OPTIMISTIC ON MIDEAST SETTLEMENT EVOLVING FROM THE SALZBURG MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS PREDICTED FORD'S SUCCESS WOULD HAVE LONGRANGE FAVORABLE EFFECT U.S. CREDIBILITY THROUGHOUT WORLD. MINISTRY DEFENSE YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS HAILED EFFORTS SOLIDIFY NATO AS CLEARLY AN ACCUMULATIVE THRUST WHICH INCLUDED MAYAGUEZ RESCUE AND CONGRESSIONAL REJECTION OF TROOP-CUTS ABROAD. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES ENVISIONED GOOD PROSPECTS FOR NEW MIDEAST PEACE FORMULA PARTICULARLY IF PRIME MINISTER RABIN PROVES COOPERATIVE DURING HIS SCHEDULED WASHINGTON VISIT. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS EXPECTED NO MIRACLES BUT FELT WARMLY ENCOURAGED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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RESUMPTION OF MAJOR U.S. ROLE IN THE MIDEAST.

--SENATOR GOLDWATER'S JUNE 4 SENATE SPEECH SUGGESTING ASIA MAY PROVE MORE IMPORTANT TO U.S. THAN NATO IN NEXT 20 YEARS,

WAS PROMINENTLY PLAYED ALONG WITH HIS QUOTE: "NOT FOR ONE MOMENT SHOULD U.S. ABANDON TAIWAN." ALL MAJOR PAPERS PROMINENTLY CARRIED A CNA-WASHINGTON DISPATCH QUOTING FORMER GOVERNOR REAGAN SAYING IN ATLANTA THAT IF PRESIDENT FORD INSISTS GOING PEKING HE SHOULD VISIT TAIPEI FIRST.

--IN A DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICE, MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED A UPI-PEKING DISPATCH QUOTING TENG HSIAO-PING TELLING VISITING U.S. EDITORS THAT THE PRC MIGHT USE FORCE AGAINST TAIWAN. THIS WAS CAREFULLY BALANCED BY ROC MILITARY SPOKESMEN GENERAL LEE CHANG-HAO'S COMMENT: "WE ARE CONFIDENT AND DETERMINED TO BEAT ANY CHALLENGES OF THE COMMUNISTS." LEE CALLED IT AN OLD COMMUNIST PLOY AIMED AT HIDING INTERNAL MAINLAND CRISES.

--PERHAPS TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC FOR THE INEVITABLE, PRESIDENT MARCOS' SCHEDULED PEKING VISIT WAS WELL REPORTED, ALONG WITH EDITORIALS IN MAJOR PAPERS INCLUDING UNITED DAILY NEWS, CHINA TIMES, CENTRAL DAILY NEWS AND NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS WARNING MARCOS NOT TO TAKE PHILIPPINES TO EDGE OF DANGEROUS PRECIPICE WHICH POSED ANGER FOR ALL SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--IPS WIRELESS FILE TEXTS OF MAJOR POLICY SPEECHES CONTINUED TO PROVE HIGHLY USEFUL IN FILLING NUMEROUS REQUESTS RECEIVED BY USIS AND THE EMBASSY FROM MOFA, MOEA AND OTHER GOVERNMENT, MEDIA AND ACADEMIC FIGURES.

PARTICULARLY USEFUL WERE TEXTS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VARIOUS SPEECHES AND REMARKS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAY 28 OECD SPEECH, HIS IEA ADDRESS IN PARIS, HIS KANSAS CITY FOREIGN AFFAIRS OVERVIEW AND FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE.

--IMV'S VTR ON "EARTH OBSERVATIONS FROM SPACE" WAS SHOWN TO 12 INVITED MEMBERS OF THE ROC NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH GOOD RESULTS. THE VIEWERS, REPRESENTING FOUR SEPARATE NSC DEPARTMENTS, WERE OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED AND REQUESTED FUTURE SHOWINGS OF RELEVANT VTRS. ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND STUDENT GROUPS WERE INVITED TO THE POST'S NEW MULTIMEDIA STUDIO TO VIEW VTRS ON "PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS," "ONLY IN AMERICA" AND OFFERINGS ON ENGLISH TEACHING.

--TAIPEI'S 1975 PERIODICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY HAS ELICITED PRAISE FROM PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS. BIBLIOGRAPHY IS 72-PAGE ANNOTATED, CROSS-REFERENCED LISTING OF ALL PERIODICALS IN TAIPEI AND BRANCH POST LIBRARIES. COPIES MAILED OUT ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, AND SPECIAL LETTERS OF

THANKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MAYOR OF TAIPEI, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CHIAO-TUNG UNIVERSITY, ONE OF GRAND JUSTICES OF JUDICIAL YUAN AND PROFESSOR OF DRAMA AT NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY.

--COMMENTATOR LAI CHIN-HO (SEE TAIPEI'S 2973 WEEKA, MAY 29) TURNS OUT TO BE DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK CITY CHINESE LANGUAGE HUA MEI DAILY NEWS. LAI, ABOUT 75, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY IN ITS EARLY YEARS, WAS IN TAIPEI VISITING RELATIVES WHEN COLUMNS APPEARED IN CHINA TIMES. LAI IS BEYOND POST'S ARS GROUPS AND PROBABLY NOT SUITABLE FOR USIA WASHINGTON/NEW YORK PRESS CENTER U.S. ORIENTATION TRIP FOR PERSPECTIVE BEYOND NEW YORK CITY. POST WILL CONTINUE POSITIVE PLACEMENT EFFORTS, BOTH DIRECTLY AND THROUGH ESTABLISHED COMMENTATORS, TO BALANCE LAI'S ARTICLES.
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